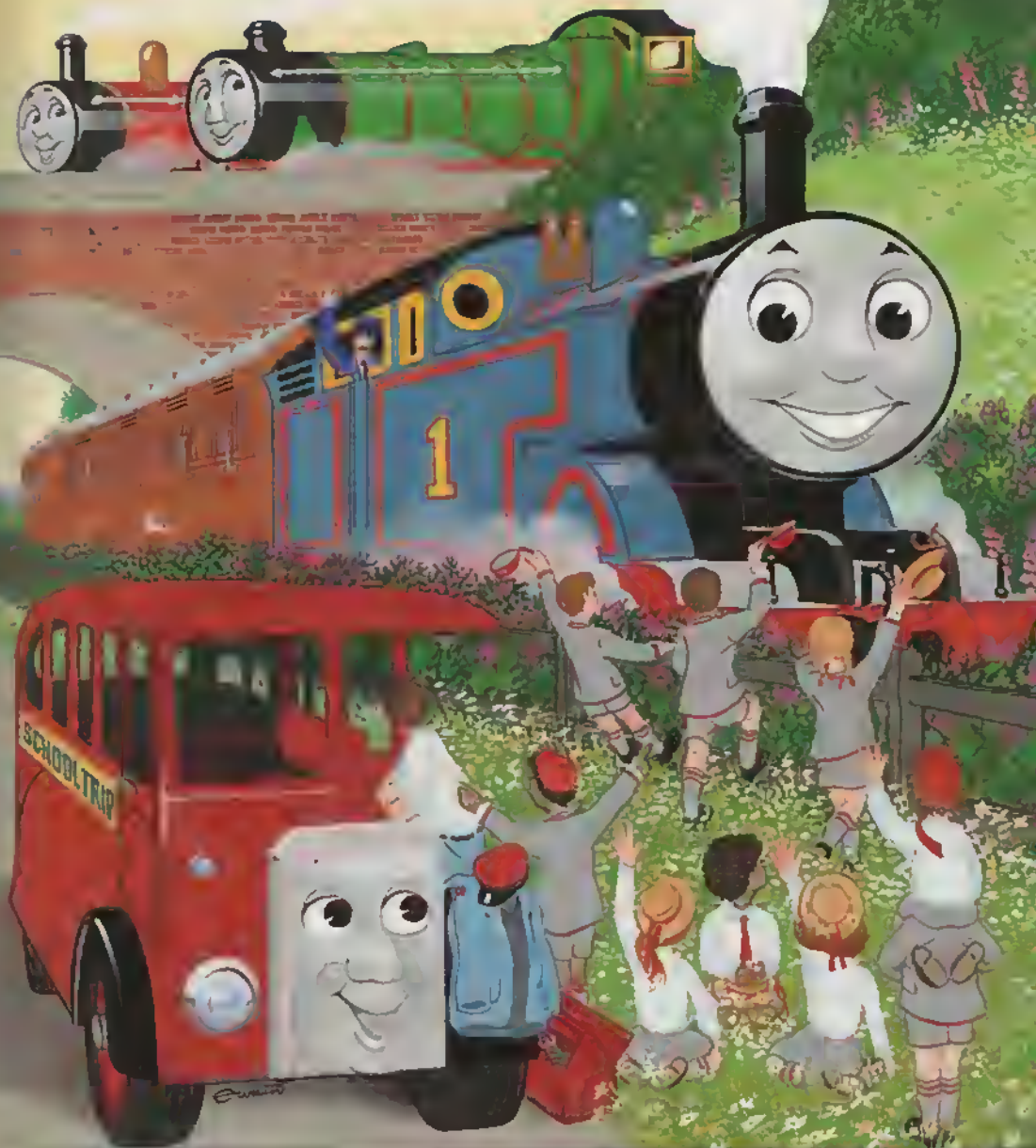
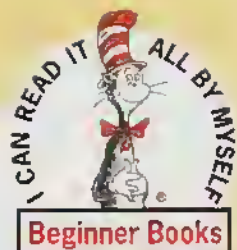


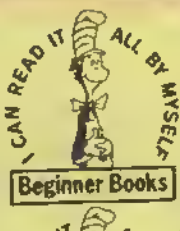
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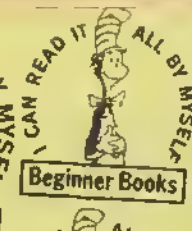
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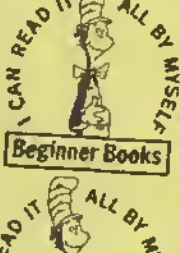
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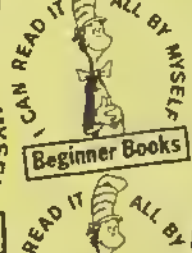
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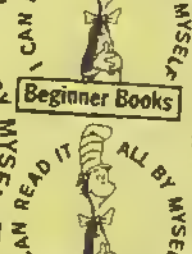
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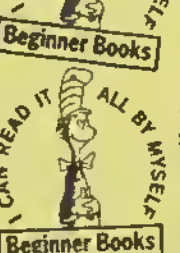
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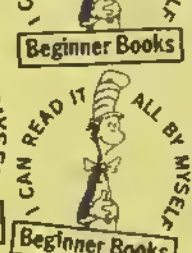
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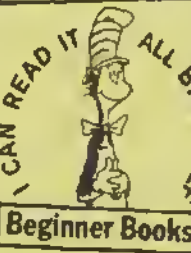
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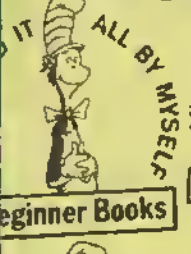
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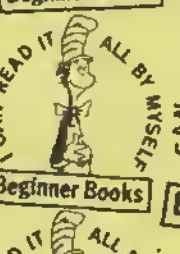
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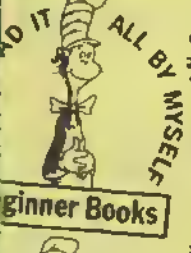
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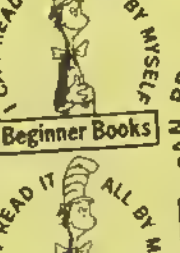
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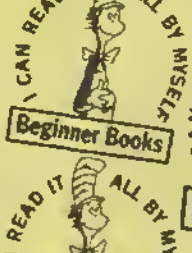
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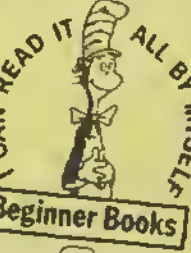
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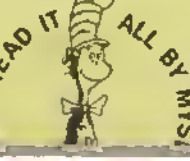
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It is a big day  
in the train yard.  
“Let’s get ready!”  
says Thomas  
the Tank Engine.





Swish, swish.

The train yard is ready.



Rub, rub.

Scrub, scrub.

The engines are  
bright and shiny.

Blue, green, red.

Thomas, Henry, and  
James are ready too.





Even Sir Topham Hatt  
is ready.





Ready for what?  
Children—  
on a school trip!  
“Peep! Peep!”  
Here they come!”  
shouts Thomas.



“Hello, hello,” he puffs.

“My name is Thomas.

Watch me push!

Watch me pull!”



Thomas has lots of fun.



But soon Thomas  
has to go.  
He has work to do  
on his branch line.



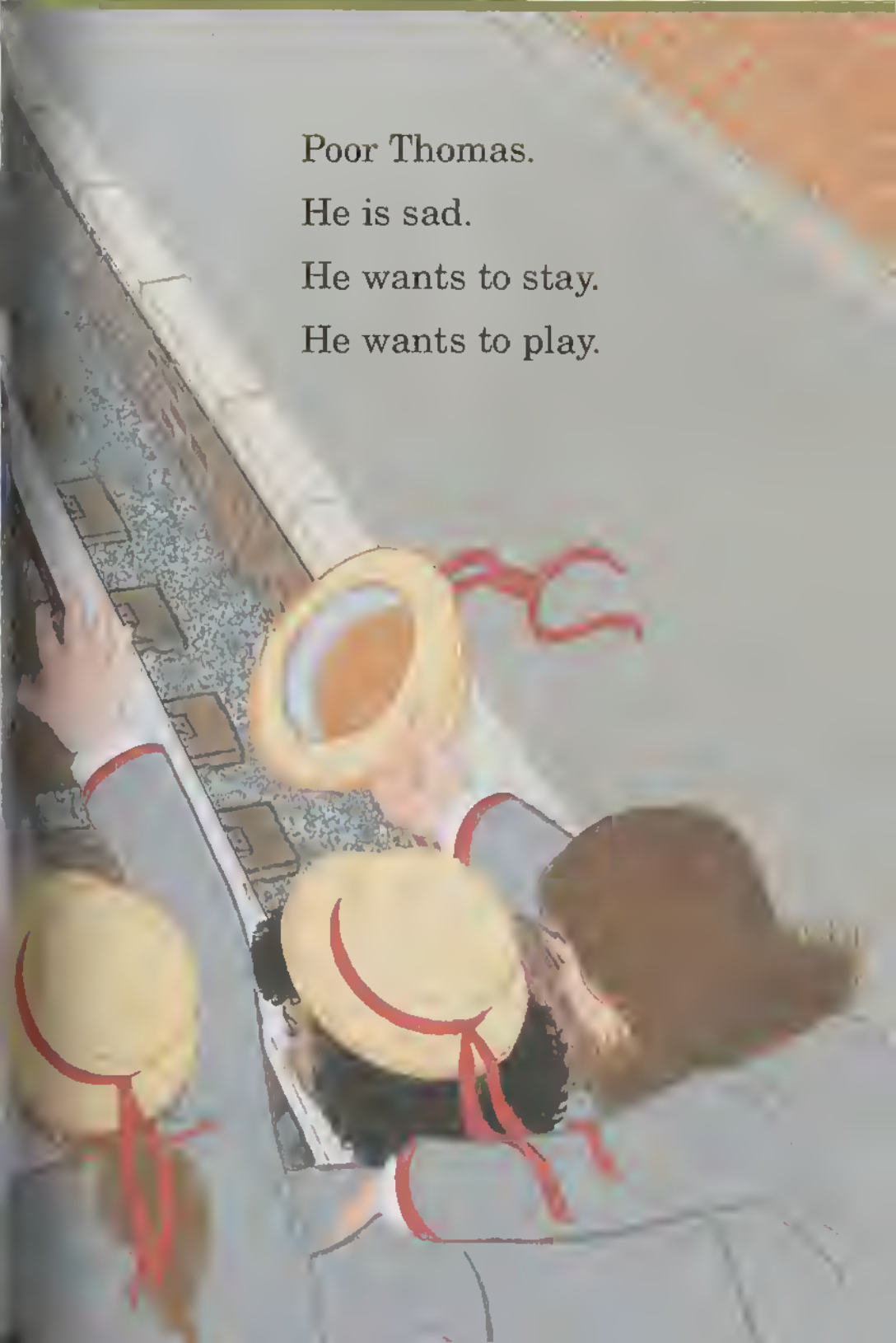


Poor Thomas.

He is sad.

He wants to stay.

He wants to play.



Sir Topham Hatt  
has an idea.  
“Do your job, Thomas.  
Then hurry back.  
You can take  
the children home.



But remember.  
You cannot be late.  
You must be on time.  
Or somebody else  
will take the children."

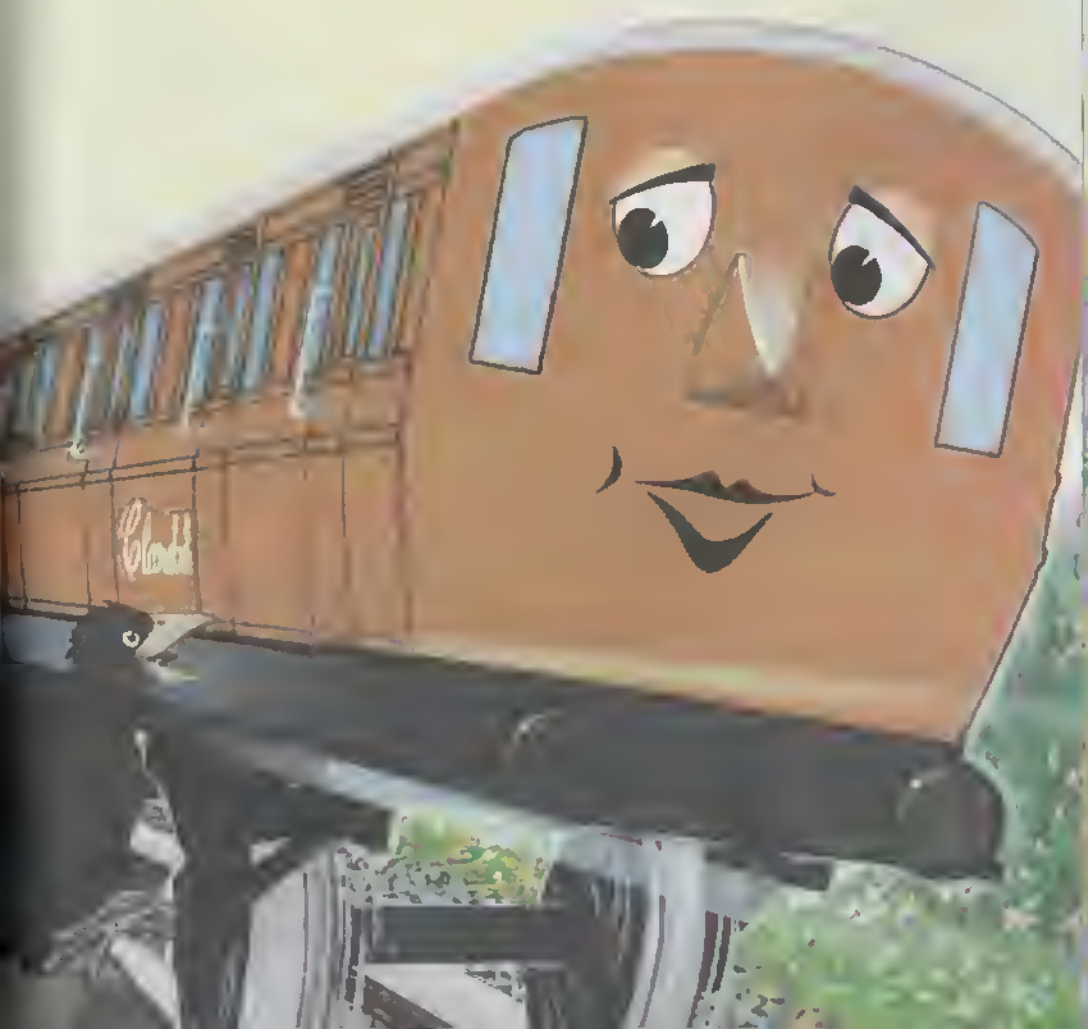


"I will hurry.  
I will hurry,"  
Thomas says.  
His coaches Annie  
and Clarabel say,  
"We will hurry too."

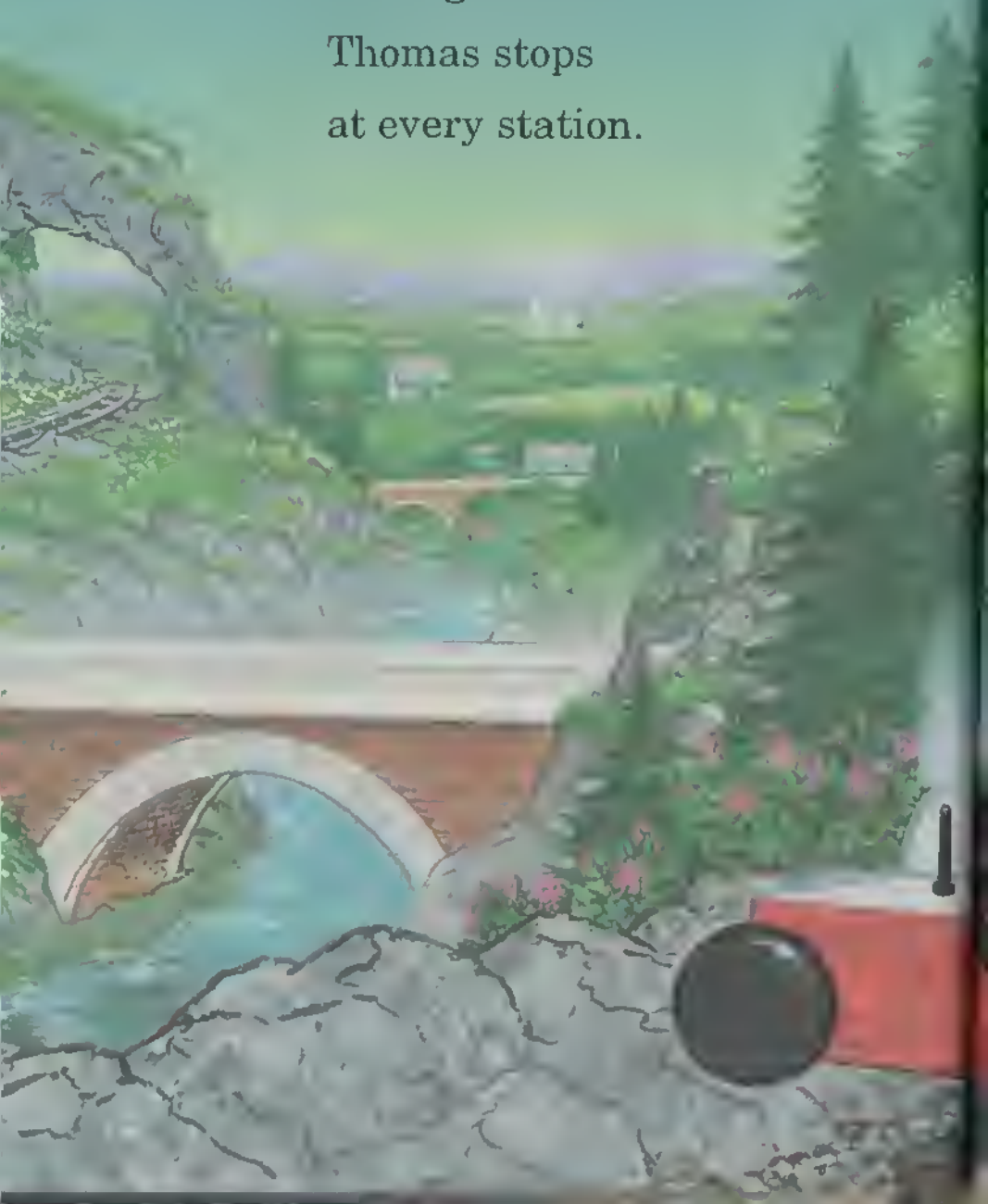




Chug, chug, chug.  
All along his branch line,  
Thomas goes as fast  
as he can.



Up a hill.  
Over a bridge.  
Through a tunnel.  
Thomas stops  
at every station.





At last!  
The work is done.  
“Right on time.  
Right on time,”  
chugs Thomas.





“Now hurry back.  
Hurry back,”  
puff Annie and Clarabel.



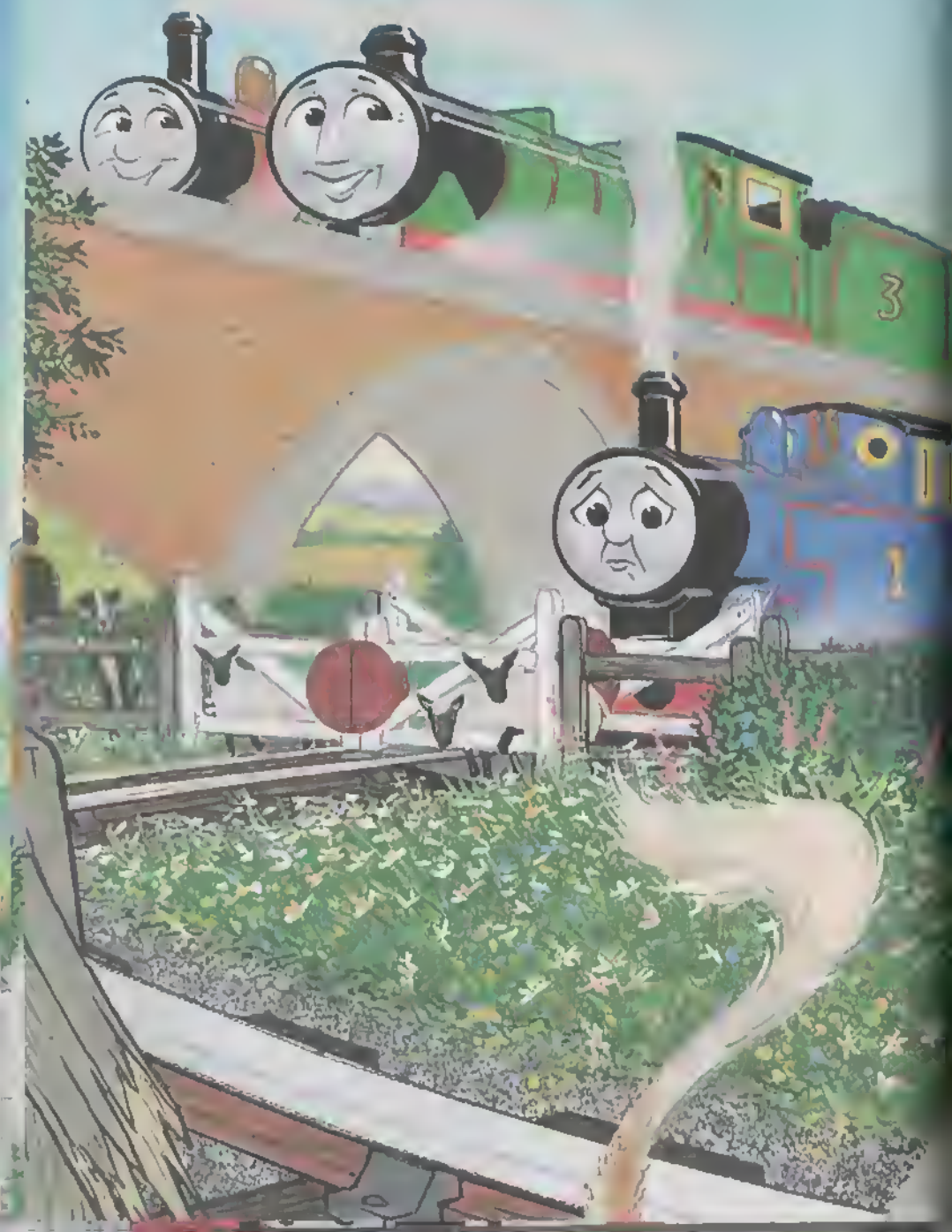
But Thomas  
cannot hurry.

Thomas has to wait.





And wait.





And wait again.

Oh no!

Will Thomas be late?

Will James or Henry

take the children home?





Oh my!  
Now what is that  
up ahead?  
It is Bertie the Bus.  
He has broken down.



Thomas wants to help.  
But then he will be late—  
much too late.  
Stop or go.  
Help or hurry.  
What should Thomas do?



Screech!  
Thomas stops.  
He cannot leave  
his friend.



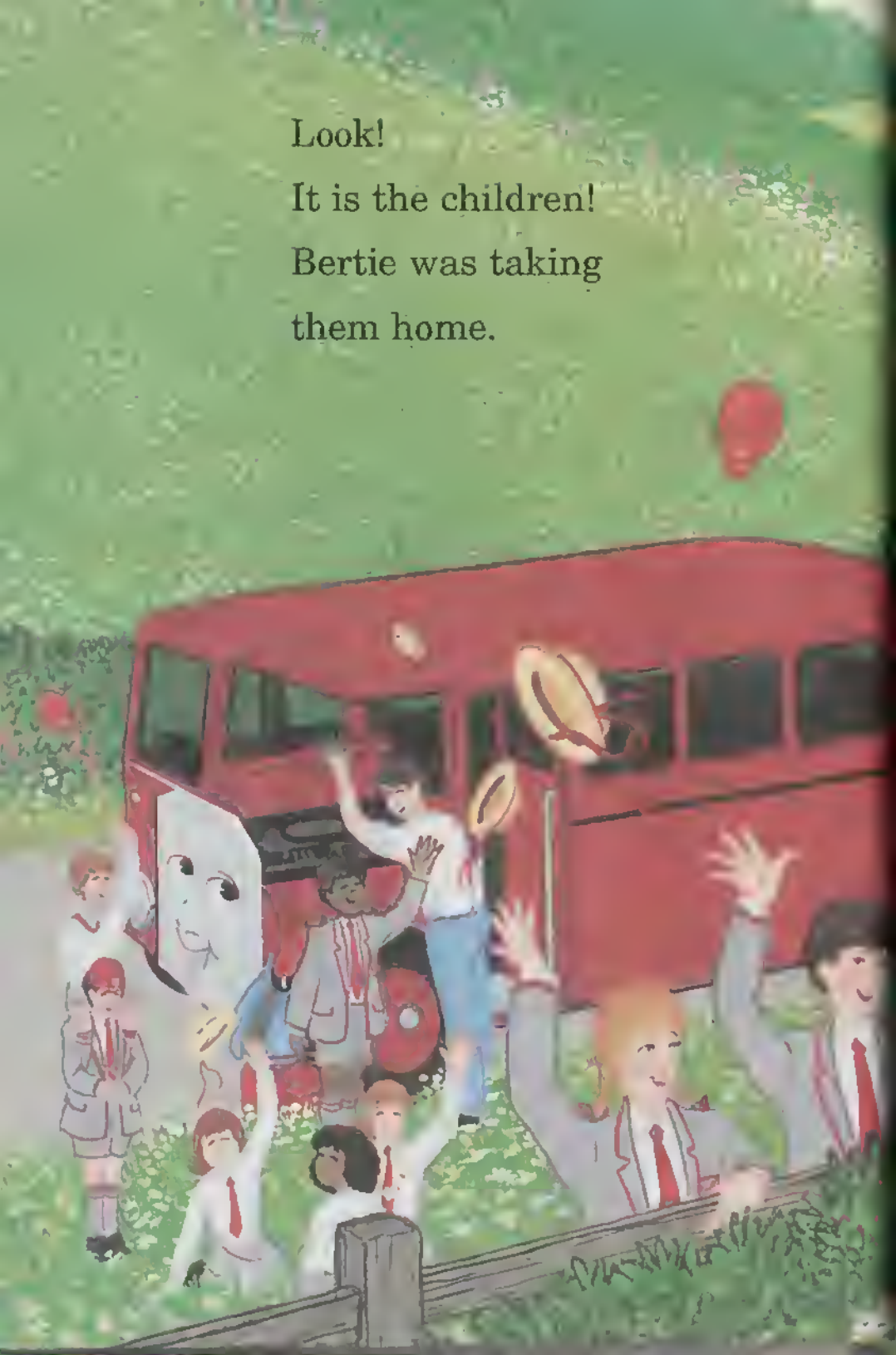
“Will you take  
my passengers?”  
asks Bertie.



Look!

It is the children!

Bertie was taking  
them home.







Hooray for Thomas!  
He has saved the day!













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